

April 6, 2021

RESCISSION OF VHA PROSTHETICS POLICIES

1. By direction of the Office of the Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration (VHA), the following VHA policy documents are rescinded:
 - a. VHA Directive 1173, Prosthetic and Sensory Aids Service, dated June 27, 2008;
 - b. VHA Handbook 1173.08, Medical Equipment and Supplies, dated June 15, 2007;
 - c. VHA Handbook 1173.1, Eligibility, dated November 2, 2000;
 - d. VHA Handbook 1173.2, Furnishing Prosthetic Appliances and Services;
 - e. VHA Handbook 1173.10, Orthotic Devices and Repairs, dated January 29, 2008;
 - f. VHA Handbook 1173.11, Ocular Prostheses and Facial Restorations, dated January 22, 2008;
 - g. VHA Directive 2009-007, Provision of Medical Identification (ID) Bracelets and Pendants; and
 - h. VHA Manual M-6, Part II, Chapter 6, dated November 14, 1960.
2. The content in the referenced VHA policy documents have been replaced in whole or in part by the publication of VHA Prosthetic and Rehabilitative Items and Services (PARIS) regulations, at 38 C.F.R. §§ 17.3200-17.3250.
3. The regulations supersede any guidance issued prior to February 26, 2021, that is not consistent with the regulations. VHA is currently developing a directive that establishes the administration's comprehensive policy associated with the PARIS regulations.
4. Procedural guidance can be found on VHA's Prosthetics and Sensory Aids Service's Business Practice Guidelines SharePoint site at:
<https://dvagov.sharepoint.com/sites/VHAProsthetics/Business%20Practice%20Guidelines/Forms/AllItems.aspx>. **NOTE:** *This is an internal VA website that is not available to the public.*
5. All inquiries concerning this action should be addressed to the VHA Prosthetic and Sensory Aids Service (12RPS7) at VHAPSASAdmin@VA.gov.
6. This VHA notice will expire and be archived on April 30, 2022. However, the rescission information will remain in effect.

**BY DIRECTION OF THE OFFICE OF THE
UNDER SECRETARY FOR HEALTH:**

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Patient Care Services

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